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SUBJ: SPACE AGREEMENT: ASTP INFORMATION PLAN

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED, IF IT CONCURS IN SUBSTANCE, TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM GEORGE M. LOW, NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO ACADEMICIAN V.A. KOTELNIKOV, ACTING PRESIDENT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

2. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOVEMBER 6 LETTER FORWARDING ASTP PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN PART I (DOCUMENT ASTP 20050) IN RUSSIAN WITH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE INSERTED AS RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH ACADEMICIAN PETROV IN MOSCOW LAST OCTOBER. I AM PLEASED TO CONFIRM REVISED DOCUMENT SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS IN LANGUAGE:
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A. THE ADDITION TO PARAGRAPH 3 SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. HOWEVER, IF THE HOST COUNTRY DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF JOINT ACTIVITIES AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION, THE OTHER SIDE RETAINS THE RIGHT TO INVITE MEDIA COVERAGE OF JOINT ACTIVITIES AT A SIMILAR LOCATION OF ITS OWN AND, IN SUCH A CASE, SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO ADMIT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRST COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE. UNQUOTE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHANGE IS TO MAKE NEW LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3, WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT HOST COUNTRY SELECTS LOCATIONS AT WHICH JOINT ACTIVITIES WILL BE COVERED BY THE MEDIA.

B. THE ADDITION TO PARAGRAPH 4 SHOULD BE DELETED. SINCE FIRST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 4 PROVIDES THAT HOST COUNTRY WILL DOCUMENT ITS INDEPENDENT ASTP ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS, IT APPEARS UNNECESSARY TO SAY THAT OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS OF HOST COUNTRY CAN ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS IN JOINT ACTIVITIES.

3. QUOTE. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONFIRMATION THAT DOCUMENT 20050 MODIFIED AS ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. ON RECEIVING SUCH CONFIRMATION, WE CAN CONSIDER THE INFORMATION PLAN IN EFFECT. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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